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SUBJ: KENZO KONO VISIT

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1. ZENZO KONO, SPEAKER OF THE UPPER HOUSE OF THE JAPANESE DIET,
IN A JANUARY 12 CONVERSATION WITH CHINA-JAPAN FRIENDSHIP
ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT LIAO CHEOX-CHIH RECALLED HIS PREVIOUS
MEETINGS WITH TENG HSIAO-PING AND ASKED IF HE COULD MEET TENG
AGAIN. LIAO REPLIED THAT IT WAS "A LITTLE BIT TOO EARLY"... WHEN
KONO ASKED HOW LONG HE WOULD HAVE TO WAIT, HE WAS TOLD
BY LIAO "TEN OR FIFTEEN DAYS".

2. A JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICER THE NEXT DAY ASKED A LOWER RANKING
CHINESE OFFICIAL IN THE FRIENDSHIP
ASSOCIATION WHEN AND HOW
TENG MIGHT COME BACK AND WAS INFORMED THAT IT WAS NOT SO CERTAIN
THAT THE RETURN COULD BE MANAGED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.
"THERE WOULD BE NO GREAT PROBLEM IN REINSTALLING TENG AS A
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VICE PREMIER," THE CHINESE OFFICIAL REPLIED WHEN ASKED IF TENG
WOULD BECOME PREMIER.

3. KONO'S VISIT WAS DEVOID OF CONTENT FROM THE JAPANESE SIDE,
ACCORDING TO YOSHIDA, AS THE CHINESE HAD REALIZED FROM THE START.
THEY HAD REFUSED PERMISSION FOR SEVEN JOURNALISTS TO ACOMPANY
KONO AND HAD GIVEN PARTY NO BETTER TREATMENT THHAN STRICTLY

REQUIRED BY PROTOCOL. ALTHOUGH KONO HAD CONFERRED PRIVATELY WITH PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA BEFORE COMING, THERE HAD BEEN NO CONSULTATION WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTSY AND THE EMBASSY DID NOT BELIEVE THAT TERE WAS ANYTHING OF SUBSTANCE IN ORAL MESSAGE FROM FUKUDA THAT KONO BROUGHT WITH HIM. IN ANY CASE, THE ONLY CHINESE RESPONSE HAD BEEN WHAT THE EMBASSY CONSIDERED TO BE UNNECESSARILY HARSH LANGUAGE REGARDING THE HEGEMONY CLAUSE IN LIAO'S BANQUET SPEEQCH. (REFTEL).
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